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### RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 7, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 7, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no fee is due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0122/WBP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Applicant's election is tendered on page 6 of the Response. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.